Book-stall contract at Shikohabad and not at Ferozabad Railway station. A statement correcting the reply given earlier to Unstarred Question No. 1853 is being laid on the Table of the Sabha.

High level Railway platforms at Naya Ghaziabad

80. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds for provision of high level platforms at Naya Ghaziabad railway station were sanctioned in 1988-89 Budget; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not starting the work and what is the likely period for its completion?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Contract for the work of raising the platform at Naya Ghaziabad Railway Station has been awarded and the delay is on account of the contractor not commencing the work for which suitable action as per prestribed procedure has been initiated.

Delinking of Kannauj by conversion of Kanpur-Lucknow M.G. line into B.G. line

81. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that after conversion of Kanpur-Lucknow Metre Gauge line into Broad Gauge, the historical city of Kannauj would be delinked from the State Capital as well as from the national capital by rail;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to avoid this situation;

(c) whether Government are aware that the conversion of MG line between Farrukhabad and Kanpur into B.G. is likely to open new vistas for providing alternative routes for the far-flung areas of the country; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b). After conversion of Kanpur-Lucknow MG line into BG, which is aimed at providing BG double line on the section, the MG trains from Farrukhabad-Kannauj side will be terminated at Kanpur. Passengers travelling to/from Lucknow or New Delhi can change over to connecting BG/MG trains at Kanpur

(c) and (d) *Prima facie* there appears to be a possibility of an alternative route being opened if the existing MG line from Kanpur is converted into BG, not only upto Farrukhabad, but upto Kasganj and a short BG link constructed between Kasganj and Aligarh.

Displaying of DTC Routes at Important Terminals.

82. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the timings of various DTC routes have not been displayed so far on all important terminals in the Captial for the convenience of the commuters;

(b) whether any suggestions/requests have been received in this regard; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Out of 28 important terminals of DTC services, boards indicating route-timings have already been displayed at 23 terminals. Action to put up the boards at remaining five places by DTC is in progress.